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In re application of:

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Art Unit: 2125

Application No.: 10/658,404

Examiner: Jarrett, Ryan A.

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Attorney Ref. No.: 003-077

For: Production System for the Manufacture of
Products

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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF
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Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of a Notice of Abandonment dated 10 January 2005 for the above-captioned patent application, for allegedly failing to pay the issue fee due in the application. Because Applicant timely paid the issue and publication fees for this application, the Notice is in error. Applicant therefore respectfully requests withdrawal of the Notice in this application and prompt passage of this application to issue.

As this Petition has been necessitated by an error by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, it is believed that no fee is due. M.P.E.P. § 711.03(c) I. If, however, a fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 50-2821.

On 18 August 2004, Notices of Allowability and Allowance were issued in this application, setting a three-month statutory period for payment of the issue and publication fees; that due date was not extendible. On 15 November 2004, Applicant timely filed the following documents via telefacsimile (copies enclosed):

- (1) Facsimile Certification cover sheet (1 pg)
- (2) PTOL-85 - Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal (1 pg)
- (3) PTO-2038 (1 pg)
- (4) Comments on Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance (2 pp)
- (5) Request for Corrected Notice of Allowability (3 pp)
- (6) PTO-1449 (1 pg)



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Applicant also notes that the PAIRs record for this application indicates an item on 15 November 2004 "Issue Fee Payment Recorded", but inexplicably also includes an item on the same day "Reverse Issue Fee". The undersigned has contacted the bank that issued the credit account identified in the PTO-2038, and that bank has confirmed that no charge to that credit account was declined on 15 November 2004.

Applicant also notes that the Image File Wrapper for this application does not include any of the documents transmitted on 15 November 2004.

Based on all of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the issue and publication fees were timely paid, and that the Notice is in error. Applicant respectfully requests that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn, the issue and publication fees be charged to the credit account identified in the attached PTO-2038, the other documents properly placed in the application file and properly processed, and the application passed to issue.

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If additional fees are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge my Deposit Account No. 50-2821.

Respectfully submitted,

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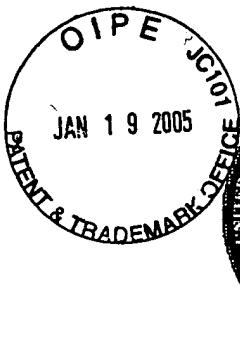
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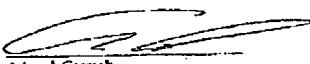
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